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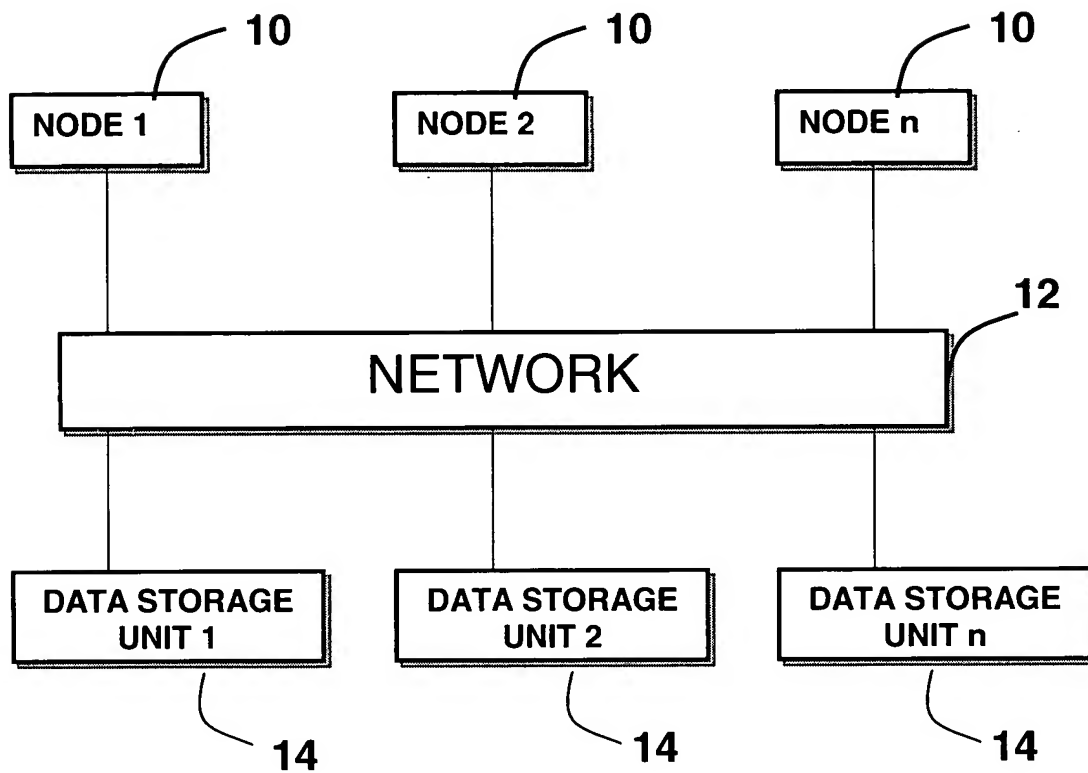


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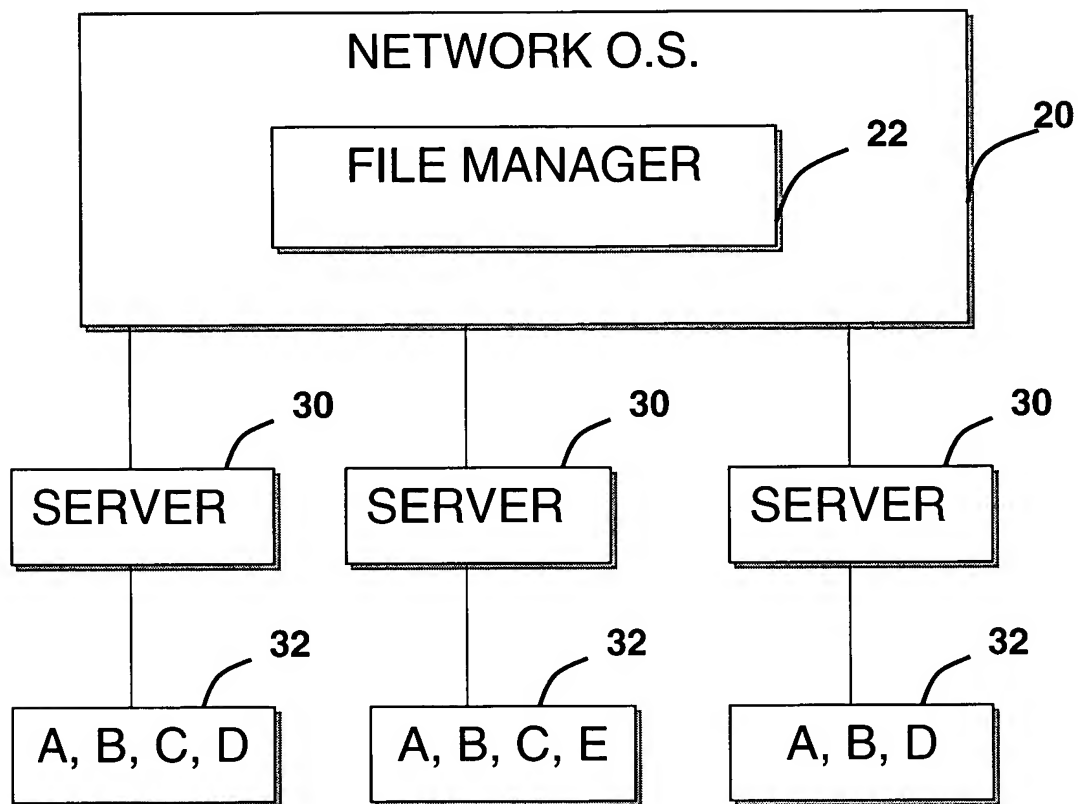


FIG. 2A

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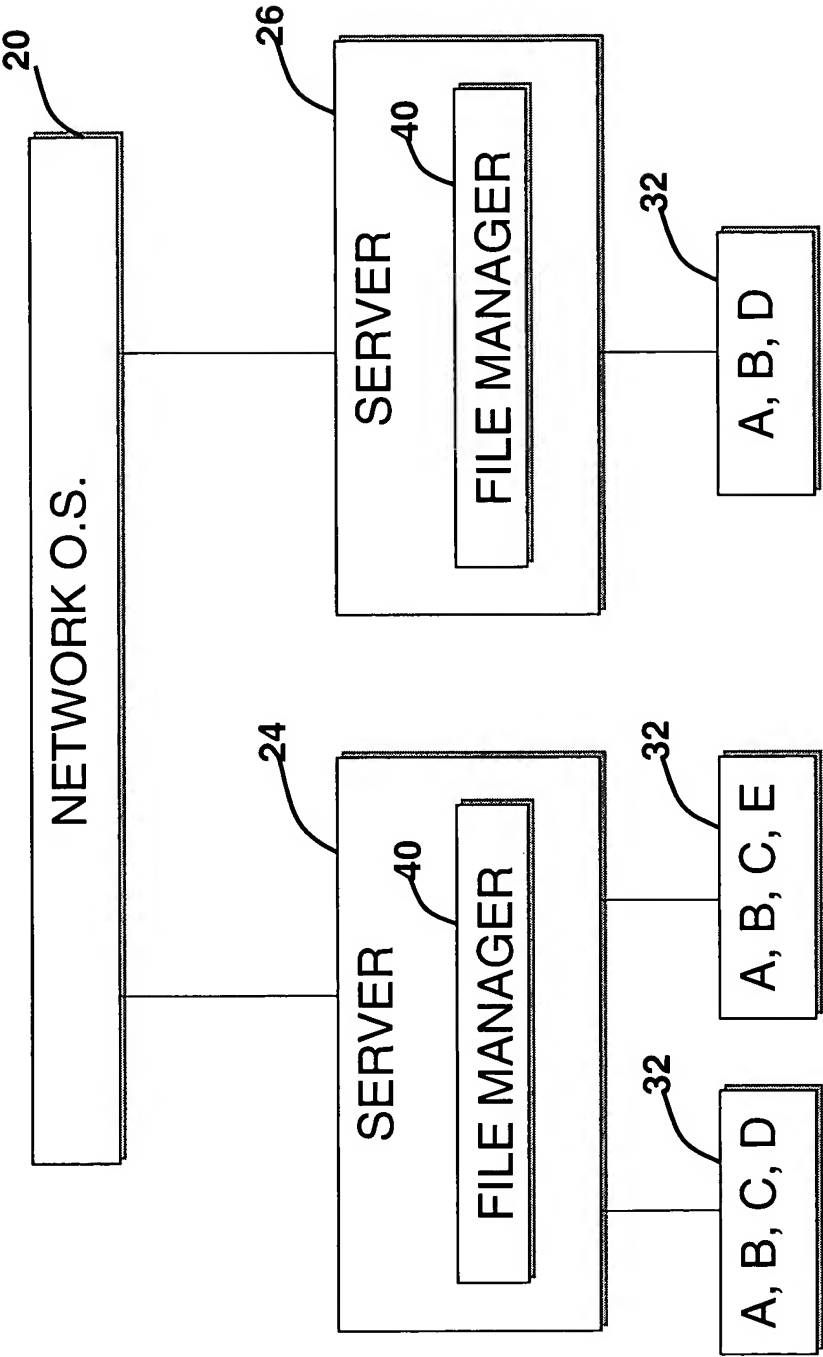


FIG. 2B

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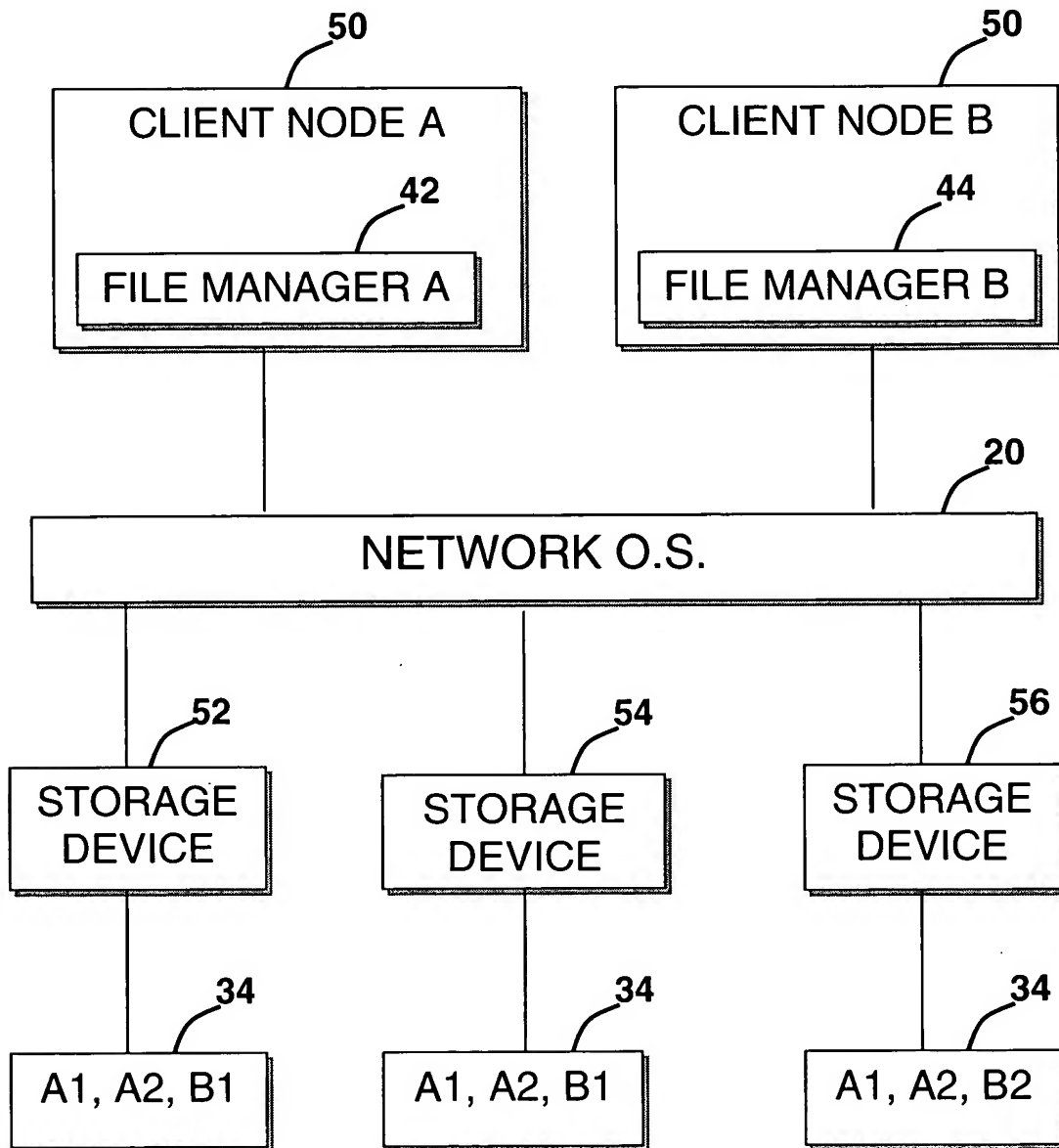


FIG. 2C

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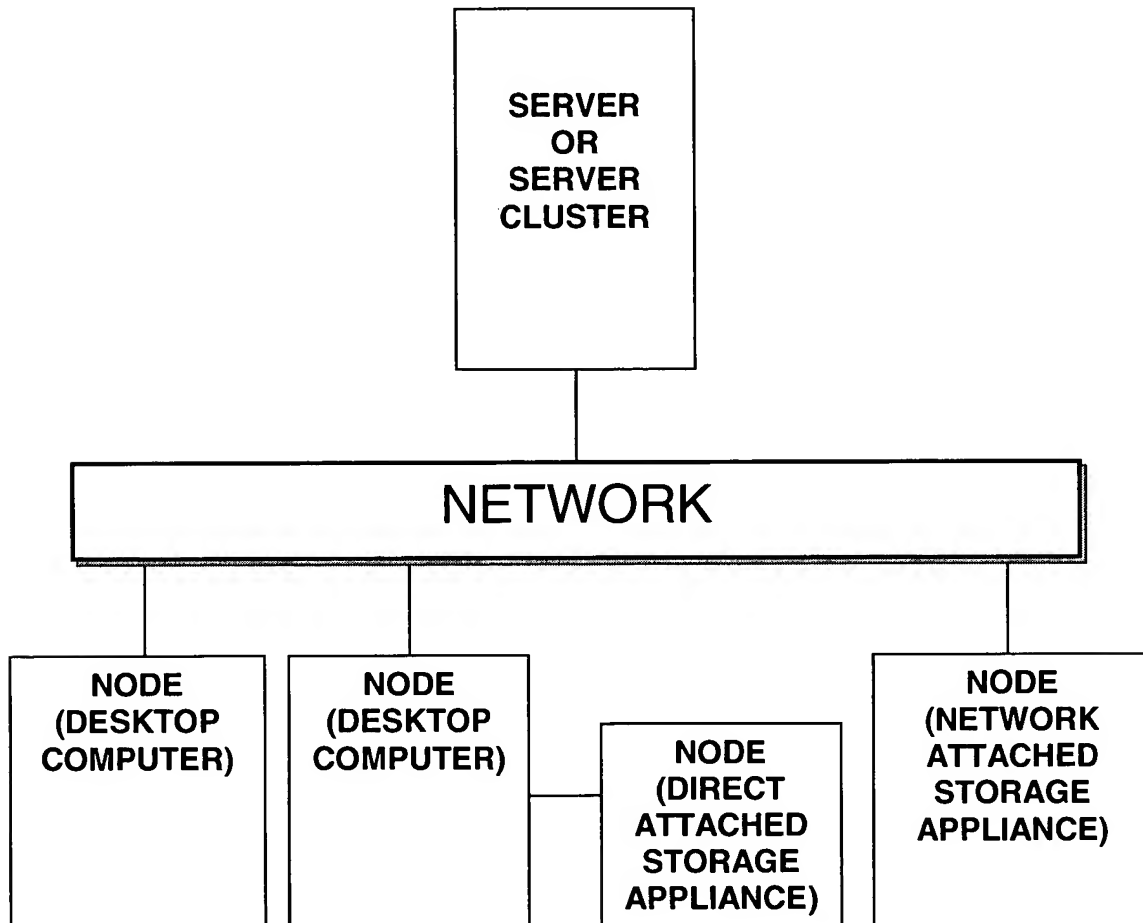
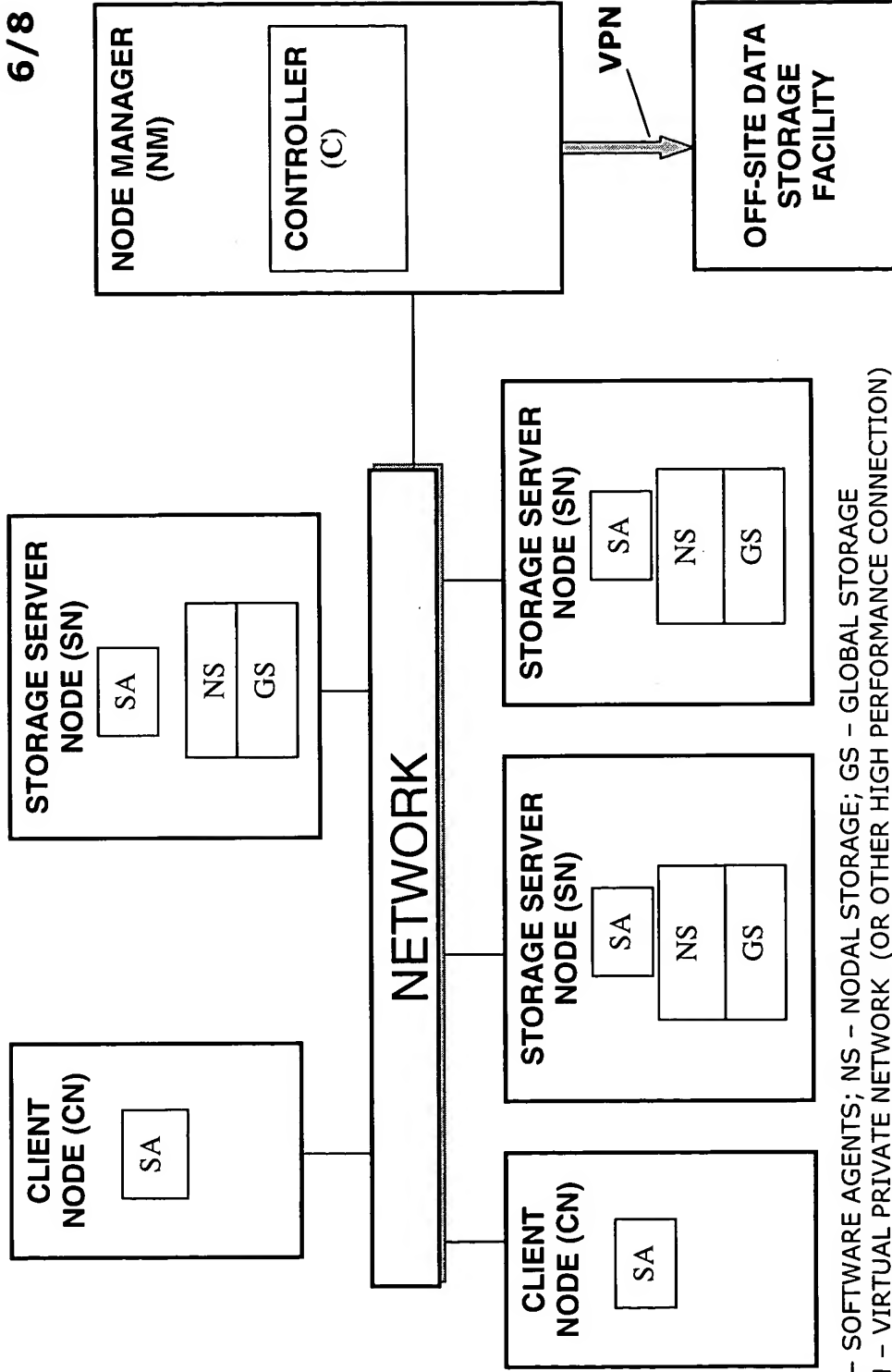


FIG. 3

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SA - SOFTWARE AGENTS; NS - NODAL STORAGE; GS - GLOBAL STORAGE
VPN - VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (OR OTHER HIGH PERFORMANCE CONNECTION)

FIG. 4

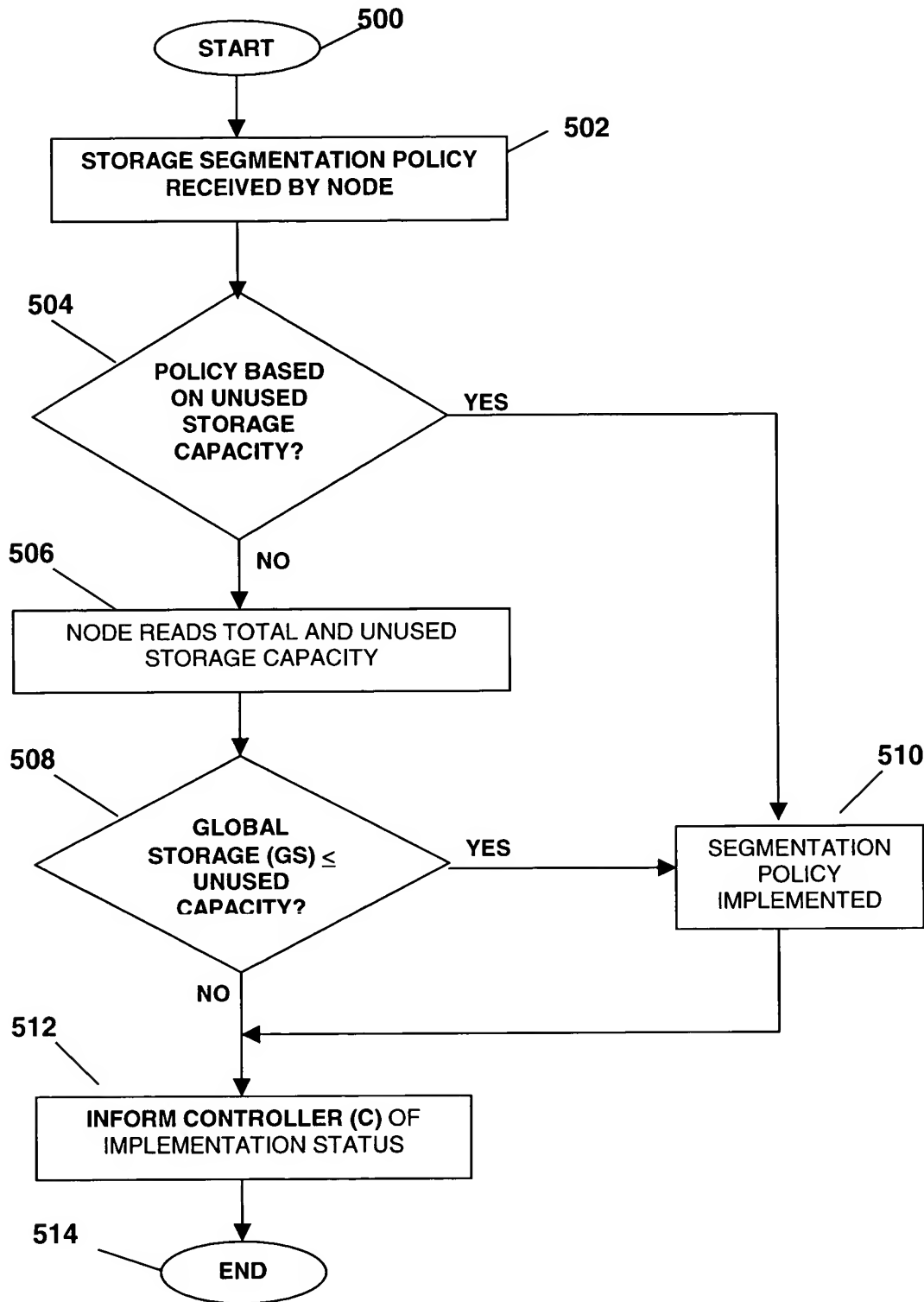


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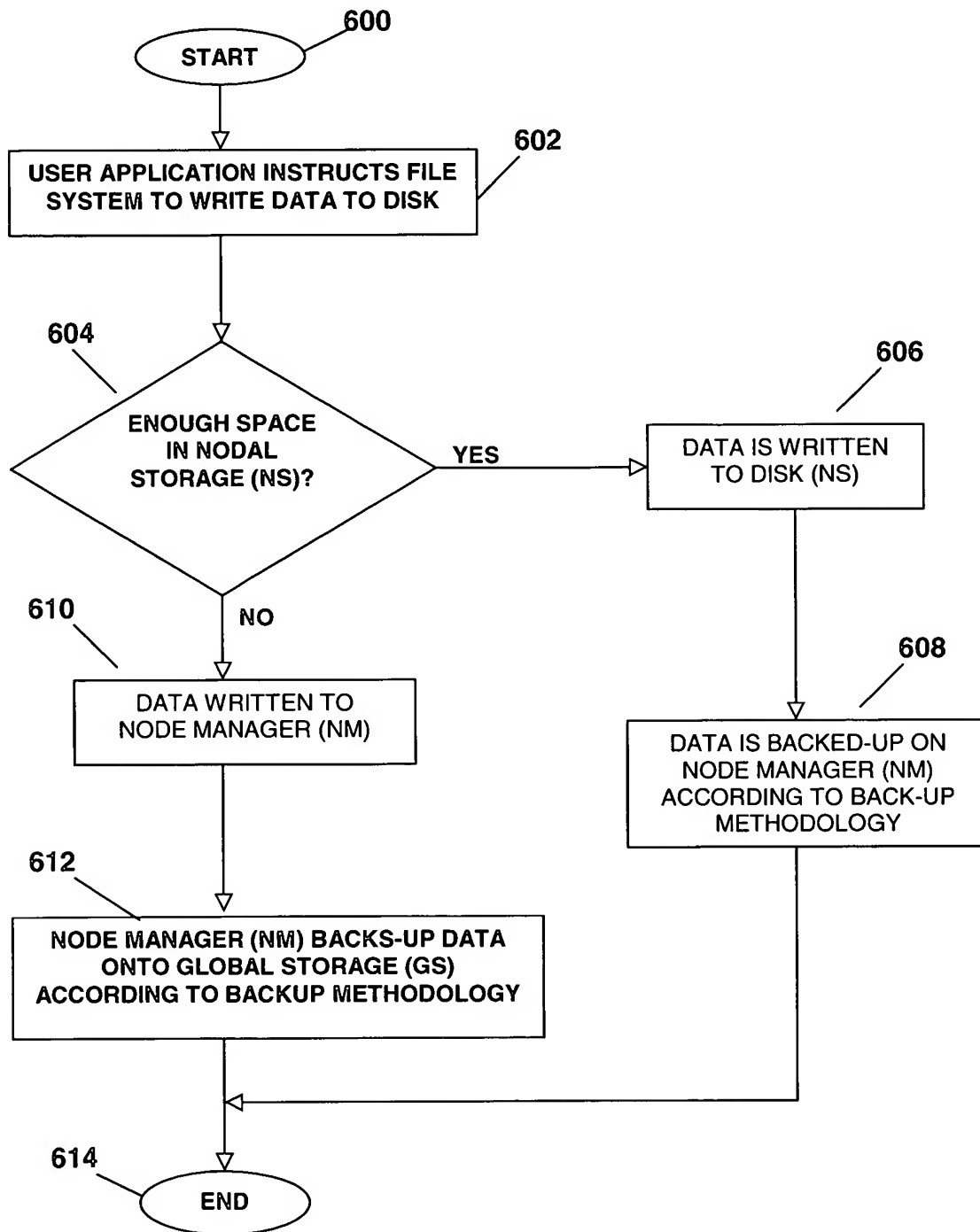


FIG. 6

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